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NAC MEETING, JUNE 29--BERLIN

AMB FINLETTER, HAVING RECEIVED CONCURRENCE BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN DELS, DREW ON TOPOL 1845, AS AUTHORIZED, TO INFORM COUNCIL OF QUADRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS OF GERMAN REPLY SOVIET FEBRUARY 17 MEMORANDUM AND US REPLY TO JUNE 4 SOVIET AIDE MEMOIRE. ALSO REFERRED TO EXTRAORDINARY PRESS STORIES RE PLANNING ON BERLIN, PARTICULARLY NEWS-WEEK STORY (DEPCIRTEL 2105) AND CONVEYED GUIDANCE CONTAINED DEPCIRTEL 2115.

IN SERIES OF QUESTIONS ASKED
SCHEDULE FOR DELIVERY OF REPLIES, STRESSING COUNCIL
SHOULD BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME TO SECURE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS
ON DRAFT REPLIES. US PERMREP STATED WHILE HE HAD NO
INFORMATION ON DATES, WOULD PASS ON TO WASH L
ON IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDING COUNCIL SUFFICIENT TIME TO
STUDY DRAFT REPLIES, WITH WHICH HE AGREES.

REFERRING TO JUNE 7 STATEMENT ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING (TOPSEC 1698), ASKED WHEN COUNCIL MIGHT EXPECT TO RECEIVE REPORT ON NON-MILITARY COUNTERMEASURES AND ON REVIEW US POLICIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROMISED. US PERMREP STATED HE WOULD SEEK INFORMATION ON THESE REPORTS BUT EMPHASIZED

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FACT THEY NOT YET RECEIVED IS NO REASON FOR COUNCIL HOLDING UP DISCUSSION OF BERLIN SINCE BASIC ISSUES ARE CLEAR. STATED HE WOULD TRY TO GET WHATEVER SPECIFIC INFORMATION MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION.

[] OBSERVED ALL PUBLIC STATEMENTS BEING MADE IN WEST ON BERLIN AGREED ON THEME OF MAINTAINING FREE ACCESS TO CITY. ON OTHER HAND, FROM MANY STATEMENTS MADE BY KHRUSHCHEV, HE BELIEVED SOVIETS WERE TRYING TO SAY THEY DO NOT PLAN TO START ANY PHYSICAL ENCROACHMENT ON BERLIN OR HINDER ACCESS BUT ONLY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH GDR WHICH WOULD REMOVE SOVIET RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ACCESS. [] I FELT AT SOME POINT WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF SITUATION WHERE SOVIETS MAKE AGREEMENT WITH GDR AND THUS CAUSE SOME EMBARRASSMENT FOR WEST. STRESSED IMPORTANCE, IN INTEREST OF ALLIANCE, OF TRYING TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON WHERE WE STAND SINCE THERE IS OBVIOUS GAP IN WESTERN THINKING ON THIS POINT. US AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF PROBLEM POSED [] AND SUGGESTED IT BE DISCUSSED EARLY IN RESTRICTED MEETING OF PERMREPS ONLY.

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